

Devotions

Flags
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Sept. 7- Acts 7:55-56 "He didn't plan to take there..."

But he did take progressive intermediate steps to get there. (John No) that reached higher and higher. "By setting progressively higher goals and reaching them on schedule is the only way to build your confidence." - John

If you set goals too high you'll only know the agony of defeat. If you set goals too low you'll never feel the ecstasy of great victory.

Sept 8- Psalm 139:14

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"I'm sure glad God thought way the mold when He made me." We are special - unique - different from one another. We have nothing to do with the fact we are special. We didn't plan to be.

Non-achievers, achievers, and ^{high} achievers are three types of people. those that just let life happen, just enough to make them happy those who want to make things happen. set goals, venture out self-made, self-motivated, self-directed, self-determined, successful people They will not settle for anything less than their full God-given personal potential.

I am what I am by nothing I did but by the grace of God. Relie on our Maker not ourselves for vs. 14

God is the one who made me special.

"A Qualified Heart"

"God will help us, but it's necessary for us to cooperate in order for us to have a qualified heart."

Can God trust me with leadership qualities and positions?

First, before the position I must fit the qualification.
heart - the innermost or hidden part of anything
greek heart - the seat of physical and spiritual life

A heart that is guarded.

Prov. 4:23 diligence - great care, totally focused ^{for it is the source of life} on issues - attitudes, actions

Phil. 4:7 how do we keep the peace of God? [↑] guarding our heart

Matt. 12:34-35 It's the source of all one speaks.

Mark 7:14-23 It's the source of spiritual defilement

How do we guard our heart?

prayer

Read his Word; apply His Truths

Be wise in all we do, where we go, and what we set before us

9-25-00

Do I want to be a high achiever?

solitude - quiet

creativity - like adventure - challenges

Expect to be misunderstood

Psalms 37:4 He will put the desire of our heart

9-26-00

Luke 14:26 - hate - love less - ~~8:29~~ (Dad + our house) ^{little day}

preparation is important - essential to high achievers

1. master the technical skills (writing master the writing skills)

2. Build endurance, conditioning (things are taxing on the body)

3. Gain confidence - enjoy

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9-27-00

1 Kings 5:13-18

Prov. 24:7

Desire is important -

It's easier to prepare than to procrastinate

9-28-00

The Difference between maintenance is our sophisticated learning ability and desire to pass that learned on to others.

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9-29-00

Man lives far below his ^{teachability} learning capability.

"selective hearing" The average brain has the capability of

learning 10 languages or knowing all the info. stored in the ^{books in a} major library.

think faster than high speed computers. It's not a matter of can I but will I.

Psalms 119:97 = 100; Prov. 1:5; 2:10, 11; 8:32-34; 9:9, 12:1

Especially the Word of God

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9-27-10

~~██████~~ "A Qualified Heart"

Mark 7:14-23 "Maintaining a pure Heart"

Evil, wicked thoughts stem from the heart vs. 20-23
(a heart left unguarded)

Deut. 8:1, 2 1. God tries hearts

6:4-12 vs. 6 our heart is a container for God's words

2. God searches hearts Jer. 17:7-10

3. God ponders hearts

Prov. 21:1-2

James 4
(read)

vs. 8 Purify Your Hearts

10-02-00 How to become teachable

1. Have a definite, highly personalized ~~plan~~ ^{plan for} system of learning.

The Word of God needs to be the basis of our learning.

2. Learn from people. The greatest sources of learning

Are people who have the greatest influences on our lives.

Teachability is not gullibility. We don't have to listen to every voice. "Surround yourself with people who are smarter than yourself."

3. Use all your faculties for learning.

1. Read 2. Observe 3. Listen

James 1:19

Heart Qualities

Positive

SGR Singing heart Eph. 5:19
to do; duty; no matter what

Psalm 24:4

mmk Should be our desire
to love; guard against
→ deadly sins

Negative

Darkened Heart Rom 1:21

bec. wasn't than H. ~~not~~
not a singing heart

Eph. 4:18 Blinded heart

Can't see which way to
go

RAP Honest Heart Luke 8:15
a heart that is honest
Good for God allow
the Word of God to rule

Hardened Ex. 4
not a heart
against God

MKB Unchangeable Heart
~~21~~ Thess. 3:13

Rebellious heart
Jer. 25:23

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Matt. 18:25 "forgiving"
Be like Jesus; It is
our responsibility to accept
and do what we find in God's
Word

Heb. 3:10 Unknowing heart
I want to
take in all God has for me

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The Pure Heart

Titus 2:14 peculiar - for His own; special

Look deeper than the surface

Math. 5:8

Psalms 24:3,4

2 Tim 2:22

More than holding back, abstaining

1 Tim 5:22

1 John 3:3

James 1:27

complete devotion / alt; ;

like undisturbed water;

gold without alloy;

undivided; no conflict of loyalties;

no hypocrisy, whole hearted Godliness

What does God say about it?

3 Tests to determine the purity of your heart
Pure Heart

Prov. 10:9

The Test of Motives

All we do has a motive

Mat 6:1-8

For God's glory ~~not~~ for me

The Test of Desires

What is my heart set on?

Cravings

Psalms 40:8 ; 37:4 ; John 15:3

Phil 4:8 ; Psalm 119:11

clean
unadulterated
humility
righteous
holy
spotless
sanctified
Christlikeness,
etc.

The Test of Humility

being what you are no more/no less

read the scripture to find out what you are

Mark 7:21

Purification of the Heart
Proverbs 20:9

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Purification of the Heart + justice = ~~the~~ pure
Before a purif. of heart we need a
change of heart through God - transformation

Psalms 51:10 create

2 Cor. 10:12

Titus 2:11-15

1 John 1:7; 3:3-~~7~~

Jer. 17:10 ATTENTION - LOOK!

Prov. 15:20

Set patterns of righteousness

Guard our heart

Guided by the Holy Spirit

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bedrock of leadership - CHARACTER

Bill Lear

Invented Lear Jet, over 150 patents
Auto Pilot, etc.

Immediate success ; a business leader

before laws regarding his ~~product~~ when 2
crashed told \$5 owners to ground and not
fly, while his team searched for causes.

negative publicity; ads newspapers degrading his product
could put him out of business

but he didn't want anyone else to be hurt
had to test when he found out possible cause
flew it himself - almost died 2 years back on track
replaced the parts - lot of \$ but never
regretted his decision. Willing to risk it all because of
his character

development of character
no area of life not touched by character

1. Character - is more than talk. Ecc1.5:2-7 Action
Who you're is determined by what's inside character
2. Character is a choice not a talent - a gift 2Cor.5:10
3. " brings lasting effect, success. Acts 7:20-28
4. Leaders cannot rise above the limitations of
their character. Prov. 16:10-32

Arrogance
Aloness
Adventure
Adultery
Coaling
Secting
Rise above
← Rise above
←

indicate the bedrock
of our being

Isaiah 58:12

"Repairing the Breaches"

First step to ~~finding~~^{repairing} the cracks is
I finding the cracks.

1. Examine the major areas of your life
2. Identify all the places where you have cut corners, compromised, where we've let others down.
3. Write down every instance where [↑]
(If it's been dealt with already don't write down)
4. Look for patterns.

II. Make the repairs.

1. Take responsibility for your actions.
2. Create a list of everyone we need to apologize to. (our actions impact others)
3. Seek counsel.
4. Do it!

III. Plan the future

1. Examine "cracks" character flaws with an "accountability partner" *
2. Create a plan of prevention.
3. Edison-ize *
Tell them your plan (have to do it now ☺)
4. Take Action
(Isa. 58:12)

Ecc. 9:11

Commitment

no turning back point / burn all bridges behind

"People don't follow uncommitted leaders"

Dreamers vs. Doers / commitment cuts through

Ecc. 5:7

Commitment starts in the heart Isa. 7:9

do at all cost

"Heart separates the good from the great" - Mided Jordan

Prov. 12:3 The only real measure of
commitment is action.

commitment opens the door to achievement

4 kinds of people

Copouts

foldouts

Dropouts

allouts

excuses why they don't "

Don't know if I can make that "

quitters

set goal, commit, ~~quit~~ achieve at all
cost to
me

Communication

Proverbs 10:11

John 7:40-53

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"If you can't give it there is ~~pur~~ use in having a message." We do need a message and develop skills in communication.

"The Great Communicator" Ronald Reagan

Family; Work; Neighborhood; Freedom; Peace

Effective Communication 21

1. Simplify your message Prov. 10:19; Eccl 5:3

Not just what you say, but how you say it.

2. See YOUR AUDIENCE/PERSON

"People love Great Communicators because Great Communicators love people."

3. Show the Truth Job 27:4

"ALWAYS speak the truth, but don't always speak the truth."

Credibility

① Believe in what you say.

② Live what you say.

4. Seek a response

Character - Commitment - Communication

Competence

(EXCELLENCE)

Eccl. 9:10

2 Peter 1:10-15

Because we are servants ^{of} the LORD Jesus Christ.
Spiritual, physical, emotional - represent ↑

- adequately or well qualified; able

Col. 3:23

- goes beyond words

- leaders ability to say it, plan it, do it
in such a way others know you know how.

"Society who scorns excellence in plumbing
because it's a humble thing and tolerates sloppiness
in philosophy or exalted activity will
have neither good plumbing nor philosophy.
Neither the pipes nor theories will hold
water."

What if not your talents, they for use were made, what

1. Show up every day

2. Keep improving

3. Follow Through

4. Do more than expected 5. Inspire Others - encourage

All the Way - With Excellence the best

a sandrial in the shade

Ben Franklin

Quality is never
an accident

Phil. 4:13 , Joshua 1:5-9

Character, Commitment, Communication,
Competence, Courage

Without the element of fear there isn't
courage.

- "Fear that has said its prayers."
- "Doing what you are afraid to do"

1. - Begins with an INNER Battle
a test of your character, ^{will} not made of

2. - Making things right, not just
smoothing them over
Pro. 28:13

3. - Inspires commitment in others

4. Courage expands your life

Face your fears

Generosity

Cor. 8:8-16

Ex: Elizabeth Elliot gave her life to her husband's murderers.

True generosity must be a part of a leader's life. Not occasional, but a way of life from the heart.

Many kinds of strength other than "muscles":
emotional x, mental x, spiritual x, talents, abilities, skills etc.

Developing Generosity

1. Be grateful. \rightarrow I'm not happy with what I have others won't be happy with what I give.
1 Thess 5:18 : Phil. 4:11 Content ^{generosity} ~~comes~~ ^{comes} out of

J. D. Rockefeller "I have millions, but none of it makes me happy."

The Love of money is the root of all evil

Hold what I have "loosely"

2. Put Others first. ^{Jesus} ^{others} ^{You}
1. God, 2. Parents / Spouse 3. Children / Immediate
Extended family, friends, enemies, me
others only others first

3. Don't allow the desire for possessions to control you.

To be in charge of your heart don't let all your possessions possess you.

Initiative

A decision is made before action is taken.

DOING - TAKING ACTION

Genesis 19:14 Prov. 22:29

Gen 47:6 Ser 32:19

Ex. 5:13, 14 Didn't take initiative

Ex. 10:11

Ex. 20:9, 10

Deut. 11:7

Judges 4:14

1 Sam 2:3

1 K 20:40

1 Chro. 22:16 (No limit of these things)

Neh. 4:6

Psalms 127:2

Leaders with initiative know
1. what they want (A Christian leader knows what God wants)

2. Push themselves to act.

3. Take more risk than others. (not all risk more)

Recognize there is a price for not having initiative.

4. Make more mistakes than anyone else.

Only those who ^{plan to} fail greatly will achieve greatly.

Listening Listening

Psalm 34:11 "Come... hearken... Will teach."

① to learn

② to "connect" with another

"The ear of the leader must ring with the voices of the people." — Woodrow Wilson

"A good leader encourages followers to tell him what he needs to know not what he wants to hear." — John Maxwell

Matthew 11:15 Rev. 2:7

Listen to:

1. Followers — the ones you influence

If you only listen to the facts you see inside their heart

2. Your "customers" — the ones you help;

come for your help "If you listen to the whispers you won't have to hear the screams." — Cherokee proverb

3. Your Competitors — for ex.: IBM & Bill Gates

"What I say won't teach me anything."

4. Your Mentors

← Colossians 3:20-24 →
Psalm 37:4 ; Rev. 2:4
'PASSION'

Passion is the first step to achievement.

Passion will change you

"A God honoring Attitude"

positive

transformation of our mind

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"Problem Solving"

To be a leader we need a right attitude toward problems

Psalms 3:1 ; Psalm 9:9 ; 9:13

10:1 ; 13:4 ; 20:1

"Don't let problems be a problem."

2:2:11 ; 27:5 ; 31:7 ; 32:7 ; 40:1

50:1 ; 54:7 ; 86:7 ; 91:15

↑
commitment

↑
promise

107:6,13,19,28

119:143

Make God's Word the source for problem solving.

Don't label obstacles "problems" but press, work harder

tackle it! don't leave it.

Problems always will exist.

Leaders:

1. They anticipate problems. look for them not avoid.
2. They accept the truth. and try to make it better.
3. They see the big picture.

The majority sees the obstacles. Leaders see objectives. History remembers leaders.

4. They handle one thing at a time.

5. They don't give up.

Have a method:

Time

spend time discovering real problem. not can't

Exposure

what have others done?

Assistance

wisdom in a multitude of counselors, God's

Creativity

Hit it!

To know God;

Gen. 1:1-4

1. Understanding ~~who~~ God is.
2. " What He wants.
3. Submitting to His will.

Form a relationship with those in authority.

Line up to God's principles of light. God is light.

In the void God decided to move v. 2

He has the answer for the young person.

He is able to give what I need.

v. 3 First thing you do could be most important:

God knows what to start my life with.

God never works in the dark. Light dispels dark. - Every Time

Trust in authority - one with the light of God - you won't stumble, Turn on the light

Allow the light of God - his word principles - to shine on my character and every aspect of my life.

(peace, rest, happiness free!) are rewards

v. 4 "light will be superior" no gray areas in His light
no blending, merging.

Light will wake you up. "New beginning" "New day"

Relationships (Friendships)

Prov. 18:24

Matt. ~~22:37-40~~ 22:37-40 & Luke 20:20-22

Matt. 7:12 'Golden rule

Romans as yourself James - "loyal love"

Single most important ingredient to
Success is getting along with people - even enemies.
"People don't care about what you know
until they know that you care." - John C. Maxwell

1. Have A Leader's head.

understand people - how they think
- their needs - their lives
read

2. Have Leader's heart.

LOVE

3. Extend A Leader's hand.

Help

pray Rom. Transformed
strengthen your heart
off me
Repair relationships

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ICor. 9:16-27 Self-Discipline

v. 16 like boxing - no great feat basically

~~*Btemperate~~ - exercise self-restraint

Titus 1:8 self controlled - Lead of
self before you can lead others

2:2 moderate; controlling thoughts
and actions

2 Peter 1:5, 6

◆ To make self-discipline an asset: ◆

1. Develop and follow ~~your~~ priorities.

~~2.~~ "...a plan and not quite enough
time is needed to complete
an important task."

2. Make a disciplined life your goal.

3. ("Do it Now!") Challenge
Your Excuses.

4. Remove Rewards Until the Job is
Done.

5. Stay focused on results (Production)
Count the benefits beforehand.

"Talent without discipline is like an
opus on roller skates."

"The best time to plant a tree is 25 yrs. ago, the

Mark 9:35 "Servant hood"

8:31-

Christ is going to die
The disciples are arguing who will be the one to
lead when Christ is gone

1. Put others first.

Are motivated out of concern for
others not for personal glory.

2. Possess confidence

too important to serve = insecure

Mark 12:31

3. Takes Action

4. Not about Position. ~~Rank~~

Leadership

Qualities

Commitment

Communication

Competence

Courage

Generosity

Passion

Problem-Solving

Listening

Initiative

Self-discipline

Servant hood

Bedrock = CHARACTER

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James 5:2

What gives me Energy?

What makes me cry?

" " " dream?

" " " laugh?

"Quest"

a life long dream,



Keep pursuing it!

Romans 8:29

Phil. 1:6

2 Peter 1:5-8

God's quest is more like His Son.

Prov. 29:18

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A vision starts within me.

Vision draws from history, my history, key events
(Pay attention to what happens today ^{For tomorrow it} will be history)
Visions ~~are~~ should meet the needs of others.

Vision helps inspire others, and provide the resources

Where does vision come from?

Mat 9:35b be a good listener

Prov. 29:18 perision = noticed, uncovered

Change for the sake of progress.

Get help and counsel from others.

- Praise ye the Lord.
- ① Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens:
Praise Him in the heights.
 - ② Praise ye Him, all His angels: ~~praise ye~~
Praise ye Him, all His hosts.
 - ③ Praise ye Him, sun and moon:
Praise Him, all ye stars of lights.
 - ④ Praise Him, ye Heavens of heavens,
and ye waters that be above the heavens.
 - ⑤ Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for He commanded, and they were created.
 - ⑥ He hath also established them for ever and ever:
He hath made a decree which shall not pass.
 - ⑦ Praise the Lord from the earth,
ye dragons, and all deeps:
 - ⑧ Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour;
stormy wind fulfilling his word:
 - ⑨ Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars

- ① Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord;
that walketh in his ways.
- ② For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands;
happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
- ③ Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house:
thy children like olive plants round about thy table.
- ④ Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed
that feareth the Lord.
- ⑤ The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion:
and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem
all the days of thy life.
- ⑥ Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children
and peace upon Israel.
- ⑦ And the Lord shall redeem Israel from all iniquities.

Rules for Subject & Verb Agreement

1. Most plural nouns end in s or es, but third person singular verbs end in s or es.
2. The personal pronoun I, he, she, it take singular verbs. The personal pronouns we, you, and they take plural verbs.
3. A singular or plural indefinite pronoun used as a subject always agrees with its verb in number, even if a prepositional phrase or clause separates the pronoun and verb.
4. The number of an indefinite pronoun that can be either singular or plural is determined by the object of the preposition or by the last word of the phrase that follows it.
5. A compound subject joined by "and" takes a plural verb.
6. A compound subject made up of two or more singular words joined by "or" or "nor" takes a singular verb.
7. A compound subject made up of two or more plural words joined by "or" or "nor" takes a plural verb.
8. A compound subject made up of both singular and plural words joined by "or" or "nor" takes a verb that agrees in number with the word nearer the verb.

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Rom. 10:1-4 "Promoting the Salvation of Others"

We need to focus our ~~big~~ eyes higher & farther.

We need a vision beyond our little circle

1. Our heart must be in it.

Don't be discouraged in not winning all.

I Cor. 9:22 "ALL MEANS SAVE SOME"

Romans 16:19 "Simple concerning evil... Wise... truth"

→ I don't need to be able to debate ~~the~~ sin, I must simply know the TRUTH.

2. We must have the real in our heart for ourself, first.

3. A correct knowledge of the position.

"I'm a church-goer." - NOT ENOUGH!

Romans Catholics are not Christians.

"Jehovah's Witnesses" are not Christians.

Eph 2:8,9

Isaiah 54:4-11; 41:14

There is an inheritance to receive. God has spoken good concerning his people.

→ We NEED A WORD FROM GOD. →

So. of Solomon 2:14

Ezekiel 22:30

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"Searching for a Man"

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Phil. 3:12-13

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Forgetful^{those} things that are Past

Rev. Nathan Davis

Matt. 25:1-13

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"Don't Sleep on Watch"

Gen. 32:24-31 Victor & Through Desperation

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Isa. 51: (Oh Trip Testimony)
1-3 / Psalm 50:14-15

"CALL UPON ME"

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Matt. 26:48-60

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Following A for Off

The long awaited day of my first plane ride had finally arrived. My stomach was a melting pot of emotions; I was excited, yet, nervous. After boarding ~~the~~ aircraft we were instructed how to use the planes multiple safety features such as seatbelts and oxygen masks. Following the stewardess' speech the captain requested everyone to find a seat and buckle up to prepare ~~for~~ take off. The engines roared anxiously as the plane ~~start~~^{took} rolled down the runway ~~increasingly~~ gained speed.

~~Then the ^{na} planes flew faster than light.~~

~~The plane stopped and speed the captain pulled down his controls and the plane slowly rose to a 45° angle climbing higher and higher into the vast open space called sky.~~

~~The breathtaking experience of feeling weightless has few equals.~~

All the provisions God has made for you
there still remain ~~serious~~ decisions we
must make. How will you react toward
~~what~~ what God has in His awesome love
provided for and only for you?

The yellow-orange flames
dancing in the fire place put
each of the young campers in
a trance mystified by both its
beauty and threat. The fiery
silhouette ~~of~~ commanded attention
~~like~~ like an imperious drill sergeant,
~~Its~~ Its heat seemed to ~~draw~~ ~~draw~~
draw the campers into itself ~~and~~
and yet repel them with its intense
temperature. All around this magnificent
glow were faces blank ~~and~~ yet
thought & provoked, mystified ~~and~~
yet delighted ~~and~~

The groundwork and foundation for your life's
ministry as part of God's will is layed out
in the early years of your life. The
family you were born into, large,
small, Godly, un-Godly, prepares you
for the unique ministry God has
designed specifically for you. ~~Even~~ Even
the geographic location you call
home was preordained by God for
a purpose. In preparation for fulfilling
God's will in your life he allows negative
happenings to build charactering you. ~~After~~
After